

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

DOROTHY A. LANGFORD

Plaintiff,

v.

MCDONALD'S CORPORATION,

Defendant,

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT ALA

CASE NO. 2:06cv1025-WKW

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES

COMES NOW Plaintiff, Dorothy A. Langford (hereinafter referred to as Langford), and alleges the following against the Defendant:

PARTIES

- 1) Langford, is over the age of eighteen (18) and is a resident of Elmore County, AL.
- 2) The Defendant McDonald's Corporation (hereinafter referred to as McDonald's) is a corporation organized under the laws of Delaware, qualified to do business in Alabama, with its principle place of business being located in Illinois, at 2111 McDonald's Drive, Oak Brook Illinois, 60523.

VENUE AND JURISDICTION

- 3) This action is brought pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1343(a)(3-4) and 42 U.S.C. § 2000(e)(1-15). The rights, privileges and immunities sought herein to be redressed are those secured by the equal protection and Due Process clauses of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

4) Jurisdiction for this action exists under 28 U.S.C. § 1331, 28 U.S.C. § 1343(a)(3-4), and 42 U.S.C. § 2000(e)(1-15).

5) Venue for this action is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 and 28 U.S.C. § 1343(a)(3-4).

FACTS

6) Langford is an eighteen year old African-American female who worked for the McDonald's franchise in Millbrook, AL until the incident that is the basis of this suit.

7) On or about February 22, 2006 Langford was confronted by Buddy Rogers, a Caucasian male and the owner of this McDonald's franchise, about twenty-eight (\$28) dollars that was missing from a cash register. The money was missing from a cash register that was never in the possession of Langford.

8) The Millbrook City Police were called to investigate the incident. The police questioned every employee working that day. The managerial staff at this McDonald's franchise also investigated the incident, questioning every employee working that day.

9) Langford told the police and the McDonald's managerial staff that she was did not know who was responsible for the missing money.

10) The managerial staff at McDonald's told Langford to write a statement and present the statement to McDonald's within two days. Langford produced her statement to the managerial staff at this McDonald's franchise within the prescribed period.

11) The investigation revealed that the money was missing from a register in the sole possession of Buddy Massingale (hereinafter referred to as Massingale), a Caucasian male and the brother-in-law of the manager of this franchise.

12) On or about February 28, 2006 Langford was wrongfully fired from her employment with the McDonald's franchise in Millbrook, AL because she was an African-American female.

13) The investigation revealed that Massingale actually stole the money.

14) On several occasions during the investigation, the managerial staff used racial slurs to refer to Langford and other African-American employees of this McDonald's franchise.

CAUSE OF ACTION

15) The foregoing paragraphs 1 thru 14 are incorporated by reference as if fully stated herein.

16) Langford's dismissal was in violation of the Equal Employment Opportunity Act, also known as Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e(2)(m), *et seq.*, and guidelines promulgated thereunder.

17) WHEREFORE, premises considered, Langford seeks relief as the jury deems appropriate, including compensatory damages, reasonable attorney's fees and cost.

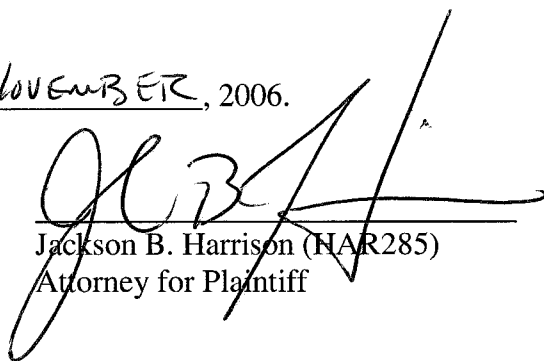
PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing, Plaintiff, Langford, respectfully prays that this Court:

- (a) Assume jurisdiction over this action;
- (b) Empanel a jury to decide such triable issues as may exist in this case;

- (c) Grant to Plaintiff such relief to which it is entitled;
- (d) Make such award of costs, attorney's fees and expenses as may be permitted by law or equity.

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of NOVEMBER, 2006.


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PLAINTIFF DEMANDS TRIAL BY JURY.


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